MR. P. M. VARGHESE: In answer to question (a) (iii), may I know why the recognition and grant were withdrawn in schools where no compulsory primary education was started?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: I do not think any grant or recognition have been withdrawn from schools outside the compulsory area except where they did not follow the Code?

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: In answer to question (a) (iii) it is stated: "All the non-departmental Primary Schools except those attached Training Schools".

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The honourable member is apparently under a confusion. All these schools apply to those in the compulsory area. It does not mean all the schools in the other areas also.

Primary schools.

299. * MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of primary aided schools abolished by the Government in Tovala, Agastiswaram and in the city of Trivandrum in connection with the education scheme;

(*b*) the number of private primary schools whose grant and recognition have been withdrawn this year in the places outside the compulsory area; and

(*c*) the number of departmental primary schools newly established there during this year?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) None. But the recognition of all the aided primary schools except those attached to Training schools was withdrawn.

(*b*) 13.

(*c*) Within the compulsory area 133
Outside the area 2

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know what prompted the Government to withdraw the recognition and the grant of so many Primary Schools, when the department is following the policy of Compulsory Primary Education?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: According to the Act, all schools in the compulsory area are under the management and control of Government.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether it is a fact that the Government are not paying proper attention in the case of Primary Schools outside the compulsory area?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: They are paying proper attention to all schools outside the compulsory area.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether the Government are aware that the non-compulsory area suffered greatly for want of care from the department and also from the private management?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Though it does not arise out of this question, I shall answer it. I think we have got in Travancore one school for two square miles. So in principle it cannot suffer in the matter of efficiency, we are providing qualified teachers as far as possible.

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MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Outside the compulsory area, the managements are not sure when their schools are to be abolished. So they are not paying special attention.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. In this matter I may say at once that Government will shortly issue a note saying in what area the next extension will be made and as far as possible the ten years programme will be spread out so that each person who is in charge of primary schools will know beyond what year he cannot or need not conduct these schools.

Primary Schools.

300. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) how many primary schools are there now in Thovala and Agastisvaram taluks each;

(b) how many of the above are aided schools;

(c) how many of the above aided schools are run by Christians;

(d) how many of the above aided schools are run by Catholic Christians;

(e) how many of the above aided schools are run by organised public bodies including religious institutions;

(f) how many primary schools are there now in each of the above taluks on the average per square mile;

(g) whether by the introduction of the present scheme of the Government for primary education, the existing number of primary schools in each of the above taluks be increased or reduced;

(h) what is the average pay paid by the management or primary schools to a teacher in a primary school in the above taluks;

(i) whether any scheme has been formulated for providing noon-day meals and free clothing to primary school children of indigent parents in the above two taluks;

(j) if so, what is the estimated cost thereof;

(k) what was the annual cost incurred by the Government in 1120 for meeting the expenses regarding primary education of children in Thovala and Agastisvaram taluks;

(l) what is the estimated cost for the above when the primary education scheme of the Government is put in force; and

(m) whether any estimate has been made of the probable annual additional charge on the State Exchequer when the present primary education scheme of the Government is fully put into force?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: *(a)* 118 Primary Schools in the Agastisvaram taluk including the Nagercoil Municipal area and 32 primary schools in the Thovala taluk;

(b) 117.

(c) 90.

(d) 27.

(e) 107.

(f) (i) One school for every three square miles in the Thovala taluk on an average excluding hilly tract.

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